SUPPLY OF UMBRELLAS AND FOOT-WEAR TO ANCHAL PEONS

322. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
whether the Government have taken any steps to supply umbrella and sandals to Anchal delivery peons as is done in the British Postal Department?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
Please see the answer given to question No. 278.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakuuda):* How many Anchalmen are there in the Department?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* For the exact number I want notice.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* What will be the approximate cost to supply them?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Have the Government decided to supply them?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government have asked the Superintendent of Registration and Anchal to make provision in Part II of the budget allotment and if finances permit that will be taken up.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* It is hoped that it will be taken up.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I too hope so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why this question which was put by the same member and the same answer was given two days back, is repeated here?

Mr. President: The question may be put by the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* This question was sent before the last Council and I never know that that will be answered. The answer is for the last Council.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware that in British India Postal peons are supplied with uniforms—a particular kind of coat and also a turban?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is anything similar given here?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Why can't Government supply them with some cheaper variety of hats instead of umbrella?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think umbrella will suit the purpose here better.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* It won't sufficiently protect them from the sun.

EXCISE SUB-INSPECTORS—SELECTION OF

323 **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
whether the choice of Excise Sub-Inspectors recently had was made by the Diwan and the Excise Commissioner jointly interviewing the candidates present?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

EXCISE DUTY ON BETELNUT, TEA AND COFFEE

324. **Mr. Ephraim Ouseph** *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the date of the levy of excise duty on betel-nut, tea and coffee;
(*b*) date of publishing rules for the working of the scheme of levy;
(*c*) has the Commissioner of Excise submitted proposals for its working;
(*d*) what is the strength of the staff sanctioned for the purpose.
(*e*) when were they sanctioned;
(*f*) when were they posted;
(*g*) what are the precautions taken to avoid leakage of non-duty paid betel-nut, tea and coffee till the posting of officers;
(*h*) whether any officer was deputed to study the working of the levy outside the State?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) 1st April 1944.
(*b*) 8th November 1944.
(*c*) Yes.

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